

Hi Mike!

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Any comments on Jim Stephen's resignation? Truthfully speaking, I'm in agreement with many of his stated reasons for his resigning. My wife and I, like Jim & Hiromi (and many others, I'm sure), have been praying a lot about the current state of our Movement. If the changes we have seen during the past 3 years had happened (or were even talked about) while TF was still physically with us, we would have MUCH greater reason to just 'blindly' follow the current path that the FFWPU is taking. However, with all of these changes being made only after TF ascended, it is very unsettling to us, and TF's spirit seems less and less in the FFWPU. It's really SAD.

After living in China for 15 years, and Korea for 10 years, I don't have a lot of confidence in the innermost circle of 'leaders' that now surround Mother and give counsel to her. No matter what, like all of us, she still has her own portion of responsibility to fulfill until the end, when she joins with TF in the spiritual world, no matter what leaders may 'advise' her to do. If one is leading the pack in a marathon race but stumbles one yard short of the finish line, is he/she the winner, even though he/she ran an excellent race until virtually the final moment? Absolutely not.

I think about how Adam and Eve, who were sinless and lived in an uncorrupted environment, still 'fell' at the final moment. Then I think about the difficult path Mother went through throughout her life, and was recognized by TF as one who had achieved oneness with him. I am sure that such praise was given to her at various stages of her growth, be it at the formation, growth, or completion stage. However, she faltered at the final, completion stage, which TF conveyed was that: "*Mother must now perfect herself by June 16, 2013. Then she should return to her original position...*".
Sun Myung Moon - May 11, 2007

I was always taught, via the Divine Principle, that God is eternal, absolute, and unchanging, and that God's Word and Will are also eternal, absolute, and unchanging. Then how is it that Mother (or anyone else) can make changes to God's absolute Word, as expressed by True Father, especially after he warned that no changes should be made; "not even one syllable"?

What would have happened if Moses' wife made changes to the 10 Commandments? What would have happened if Jesus' disciples would have made changes to Jesus' words? And now, what will happen in the future, when they see that changes were made to TF's words, no matter how grammatically incorrect or repetitive they may have been? The Words did not need to be 'polished'. TF emphasized and re-emphasized various parts in the CSG because they were important, not because it would coincide with people's view of how it should be said. A precedent has now been set for

future changes to be made by anyone who sees themselves as being one with TF, or God. It's a very very dangerous precedent, IMO. Where is the absoluteness of TF's Words?

I observed (up close) Hyung Jin nim and Yeon Ah nim while Yong Ja & I lived in Korea. I saw how they led (by example), and how his brother, Kook Jin nim, turned the Tongil Foundation from losing millions of dollars every year, to making a profit of millions in just a few short years. He needed to cut and curb many Centers and businesses in the process, which didn't necessarily create good feelings from some of those leaders who were affected, but he got the job done. And, both Hyung Jin nim and Kook Jin nim generated a lot of good media coverage from what they were doing.

Some people may not like one or both of them, however, I saw what they did with my own two eyes. Later, my wife and I attended the official ceremony in Korea where TF and TM appointed Hyung Jin nim as the inheritor and successor. I also saw the tears of love that Kook Jin nim shed for his younger brother, Hyung Jin nim, when he spoke at the ceremony. Had the changeover occurred and Hyung Jin nim been able to take on the responsibilities TP's had given to him, which was in line with Korea's traditions of the past, I don't believe we would be in the sad situation we are in today.

As you know, TF spoke much about Korea being the 'Chosen' nation in God's Providence in the present day. He said that many of the former traditions of Korea were very similar to how CIG should be governed in the future. If you ever watched the Korean Drama series entitled: JUMONG, you would see an important part of that tradition. After the King appointed his successor (traditionally, but not always, his eldest son), after the King became unable to lead, or died, that successor immediately took responsibility for leading the country. Additionally, the Queen gave her full support to her son, providing guidance to him along the way. For WHATEVER reason, that did not happen after TF ascended. Rather, his appointed son was stripped of all of his authority and responsibilities. Subsequently, this sent the Movement into a tailspin from which it may be difficult (but not impossible) to recover. Additionally, it created even more division within the Movement and within the True Family. My 3 cents...

No matter what, Mike, agree with the above or not, you and your lovely wife, Kozue, are my eternal brother and sister. God Bless...

Respectfully yours,

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